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SUBJ: MEETING WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR LEDWIDGE CALLED ON ME TODAY FOR
GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CURRENT MID EAST SITUATION. HIS CONCERNS
FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON IMPLICATIONS OF POSSIBLE PALESTINIAN REPRE-
SENTATION AT GENEVA PEACE CONF, SITUATION CONCERNING
BLOCKADE AT BAB EL MANDEB AND POTENTIAL FOR WIDE-SCALE HOSTILITIES
BREAKING OUT IN SOUTH. BASIC THRUST HIS COMMENTS WAS TO underscore
WESTERN EUROPEAN INTEREST IN EARLIEST POSSIBLE MID EAST
SETTLEMENT IN ORDER MINIMIZE ADVSRSE EFFECTS ARAB OIL BOYCOTT ON
EUROPEAN ECONOMIES.

2. RE PALESTINIANS, HE VOICED HOPE THAT BBC REPORTED ARAB
SUMMIT DECISION DESIGNATING PLO AS "SOLE SPOKESMAN"
FOR PALESTINIANS WOULD NOT THROW OFF PLANS FOR CONVENING
GENEVA PEACE CONF. IN THIS RESPECT HE STATED (AND REPEATED)
ASSESSMENT THAT GOI WOULD PERHAPS BE WILLING SIT DOWN WITH
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SEPARATE PALESTINIAN DEL IN GENEVA AFTER ELECTIONS. IN
ANSWER TO QUESTION, I EPLIED THAT IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH

ISRAELI LEADERS I HAD RECEIVED NO INDICATION GOI
WOULD BE WILLING NEGOTIATE WITH SEPARATE PALESTINIAN/FEDAYEEN
DELEGATION.
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